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The standards by which man measures his accomplishments are many.

Back in Kinston, North Carolina, where I was stationed with the Marine Corps, a man's gains in life were measured by the number of columns—those tall pillars which support the porch roof and which are so common to southern states' architecture.

At another spot I visited while in the South Pacific, the fuzzy-haired islanders measured how a man had fared in life by the number of polished turtle shell buttons dangling about his neck.

Many have been the inquiries in the past weeks asking about seven-year-old Judy, the "P.O. Princess," and Freddie Diesel, promising 14-year-old Torrance High School football player.

Little Judy, whose life depends upon the slushy pump of a rubber bellows and the quarter-horsepower motor that runs her lung, has shown some gain.

And Freddie Diesel, his welfare at the moment is measured by this: He can now feel a tingle in his stricken muscles.

He lies encased in steel, paralyzed from the neck down. Three months ago he was leaving clear marks in the gridiron turf as a member of the high school B football squad.

Both of these youngsters have been helped by the March of Dimes. The years of research, the "know-how" of skilled physicians and nurses have been made available to Judy and Freddie through the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Now the Foundation is asking for some assistance. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcom, the parents of Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Diesel, Freddie's parents, will no doubt help. But more hands are needed.

Mrs. Clara A. Conner, Torrance postmaster and chairman of the 1953 March of Dimes campaign, needs some help in addressing 5000 envelopes to be mailed to local residents.

There is a neat project for some such organization as the Torrance JayCettes, or perhaps the Junior Woman's Club.

If there is an individual who would like to help, he can lend a hand. The supplies may be obtained either from Mrs. Conner at the Torrance Post Office or from me at the Torrance Herald.

High on the list of doctor's prescribed medicine is—mail. It can be administered in large or small doses and at any time of the day.

I wonder if every reader of this column wouldn't add just two more names to their Christmas card list.

One to Freddie Diesel in care of Ward CD 3, Los Angeles County General Hospital, 1200

City Hits Lean Spot In Budget Financing

Like the Joneses who are sitting down these evenings and checking to see if the family budget can be stretched out until daddy gets his Christmas bonus, city officials are looking at the city budget and figuring out ways to stretch it out until the tax money for the year which started July 1 comes rolling in.

This is not a new problem for the city fathers; they go through it every year. It comes about, one city official once told the Herald, because the city's fiscal year and its tax year do not jibe.

To carry the city over until the tax revenues start coming in to the city, usually after the first of the year, the city is forced to "borrow" funds from some of its departments and to take advances from the county on its anticipated tax revenue.

City Borrows So far this year, the city has borrowed \$155,000 from accumulated funds of the water department, and has received a \$50,000 advance on its tax revenues from the county.

As soon as money is made available to the city's general fund from taxes, the money borrowed from the water department will be returned. The advance on taxes will be deducted from tax revenues collected by the county before the money is turned over to the city.

Here is the way the situation was explained by one city official recently:

Budget Prepared The city's fiscal year begins

TV As Education Aid Discussed by B of E

Television as an aid to modern education drew much comment pro and con at Tuesday night's meeting of the board of education.

The question came up as a routine matter on the agenda, in the form of an invitation to send a representative to a governor's conference on education.

Judge John Shidler, president of the board, was vehement in his opposition to the entertainment medium as an educational aid. He took the stand that children would get more out of personal instruction and discussion with a teacher than could be learned from watching a screen.

He cited as examples of television-conscious persons those who appear in his South Bay Justice Court.

Green Toothpaste "These guys," he said, "use an under-arm odor prevention, to smell sweet, and buy a green toothpaste, directly as a result of TV advertising."

"I don't think the medium has anything to offer our children in the way of education."

Board members Mrs. Grace Wright and Bill Tolson disagreed with him. Mrs. Wright pointed out that during the recent election campaign, her elder daughter had become deeply interested in U. S. history and politics as the direct result of watching the campaign hijinks on the screen.

Tolson believed children could get some good out of the medium through the presentation of Congress in session, spot news casts and serious musical presentations such as the Standard Hour, now broadcast via radio to elementary school children throughout the west.

Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull, strictly neutral in the discussion, requested and got permission to send a staff member to the conference.

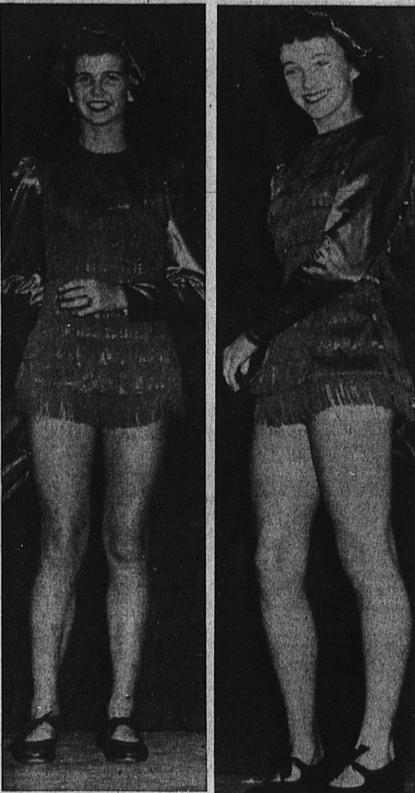
Outlets Provided Later in the meeting, while reviewing the progress of the plans for North Torrance High School, Hull said that television outlets had been provided for in preliminary discussions.

He also revealed that plans for the 1500 secondary education institution called for a ca-

No. State St., Los Angeles; and another to Judy Wilcom, Ward 60, Rancho Los Amigos, Hondo, California.

A special kind of medicine for Freddie would be a few letters from his school pals at Torrance High.

I was just thinking. If you were a parent what kind of a present would you put under the Christmas tree for a son or daughter in an iron lung?



(Herald Photo) ALICE OLSON AND MICKEY VAN DEVENDER... KISS OF FIRE DANCERS IN THE VARIETY SHOW...

Several Locals Appear In Cast Of 'Rose Marie'

When the curtain goes up tomorrow night, 8:15 o'clock, for the first performance of "Rose Marie" by the South Bay Civic Opera Association, eleven residents of the Torrance area will be on the Redondo High School Auditorium stage.

Appearing in the production will be dancers Bessie Willey, Ruben Wolf and Frances Palumbo; and chorus members Jean Fedoruk, Edgar F. Gillham, Nadine F. Nickel, Shirley M. Pulver, Maurice Willey, Donna Wolf, Betty Jean Botacchi, and Paul Bennett.

Five other residents of this area, Al D. Doudet, Kenneth

V. Hincley, Arthur and Lora Lytle, and Rodney M. Norris, will play with the orchestra.

Richard H. Bonham's work will be seen in the scenery of the production.

Other Showings Three additional performances of the light opera will be given. They will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, and the following week-end, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13.

After the play, a fashion show with styles from South Bay stores and models through a South Bay agency will take the spotlight.

Tickets for the production may be had by calling FR 2-6410 or at the box office. The entire downstairs section will be reserved at \$1.50. General admission is \$1, and children and students will be admitted for 50 cents.

The activity is a part of the adult program of Redondo



(Herald Photo) MUSIC MAKERS... These five lissome lassies will make music tomorrow night in Torrance High's auditorium on the occasion of Mardi Gras, a variety show being presented by the Boys and Girls Leagues of the school. Curtain goes up at 8 o'clock. Prices are 50 cents for general admission and 75 cents for reserved seats. Left to right, the girls are Leslie Markely, Cindy Young, Dede Schumert, Sandra Gish and Yolanda Goldsmith.



(Herald Photo) TRIPLE TROUBLE... Some men find it enough trouble satisfying the demands of one woman, but Clyde A. Church below a department store stock clerk, is alleged to have clambered aboard the good ship matrimony three times, but forgot one important little thing—a divorce. Mrs. Thelma Church (left) holding 3-year-old Raymond, claims she is wife number one, while Jane Church, right, says she is number two. Detective Joe Mascitto of the San Pedro detail listens to their story after Church was arrested in San Pedro where he was living with wife No. 3, Phyllis Weeks. The clerk avowed he had been divorced somewhere along the way, but his wives demurred. Church, 36, was impartial with his favors, selecting a 33-year-old redhead, a 36-year-old brunette and a 25-year-old blonde, in that order. His first wife presented him with five children, while the current Mrs. Church told arresting officers that she is pregnant.

Nearby Concert Programs Listed

Season ticket holders for the Community Concerts series were reminded this week that their membership in the concerts association entitles them to attend any concert in the area sponsored by the group.

The Torrance series of three concerts, which opened in October with the appearance of Sanroma, noted pianist, will continue Jan. 5 with an appearance of De Paur's Infantry Chorus.

For the convenience of season members of this area, a list of nearby concerts during the next few months is being printed.

Bellflower — Jan. 6, Telt-schick; March 7, Moudry; April 6, Wicks.

LETTERS To The EDITOR

Editor: The Torrance Herald I have a question for ministers I would like to have answered. I want to know why ministers preach against strong drink and never say anything against tobacco. Tobacco is causing more wrecks today, more fires, and taking more people to Hell than whiskey is. Please answer me. Rev. S. O. Whitman, 2733 Andree Ave., Ph. 2450-J.

Sister, Family From East Visit Mmes. I. Cordova, L. Stewart

Now visiting Mrs. Irene Cordova, 712 Pacific Lane, are her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grandstaff and children, Charles Jr. and Cindy Lou, of Wheeling Island, West Va.

The out-of-staters will spend about two months in Torrance and will also visit Mrs. Grandstaff's mother, Mrs. Minnie Long, and another sister, Mrs. Louis Stewart, 824 Amapola Ave.



CLAUDE A. CHURCH "... woe is me ..."

Isenberg Flies North For Chamber Meetings

Executive Secretary Dale Isenberg, of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is flying to San Francisco this morning to take part in panel discussions at the annual California State Chamber of Commerce meeting. Isenberg will participate in an industrial development panel during the next two days, he said. He will return to the Southland Saturday.



GUIDED TOUR... Youngsters of Room 2 at Walteria School inspected the plant and facilities of the Torrance Herald Monday. They are shown in the display advertising layout room, where salesman Bernie Price is explaining the mechanics of composition of an ad. The children were shown how a newspaper is sold (advertising) written (editorial) and produced (composing and press rooms). The group totaled 32.